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# Excise Tax Advisory

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## TAXABILITY OF INTEREST FROM LOANS SECURED BY UNDEVELOPED LAND

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Is interest derived from loans primarily secured by undeveloped land deductible from the business and occupation tax under RCW 82.04.430(11)?

RCW 82.04.430(11) allows those engaged in banking, loan, security or other financial businesses to deduct interest from loans primarily secured by nontransient residential properties. The Department has held that the interest from loans primarily secured by undeveloped land with no commitment or requirement for improvement by borrowers does not qualify for this deduction under the statute.

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